

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings includes changes to Figure 5.
The attached "Replacement Sheet," which includes Figure 5, replaces the original sheet including Figure 5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet 4/5

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are now pending in the application. In order to place the application in better condition for allowance and as requested by the Examiner, Claims 20 through 24 are herein canceled without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities.

The Examiner in item 4 on page 2 of the March 31, 2006 office action objected to the drawings because they do not include the reference sign 70 identified in [page] paragraph 0022. In addition, the Examiner in item 5 on page 3 of the March 31, 2006 office action objected to the drawings ““because the reference character “70” has been used to designate both an elongated member and a portion.””

In response to both drawing objections, Applicant has revised Figure 5 and amended paragraph [0022] as noted herein to identify reference character 69 in place of reference character 70 for the portion of inner layer 22 received in pocket 68. Applicant has therefore attached revised Figure 5 identifying reference character 69 for the Examiner’s approval.

In the “Replacement Sheet” Figure 5 has been amended to include reference character 69.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the attached “Replacement Sheet” providing amended Figure 5 and withdraw the objections to the drawings.

SPECIFICATION

The specification stands objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has amended the specification according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

The disclosure is objected to because as noted by the Examiner "proper reference to the relied upon provisional application should be included at the beginning of page 1 of the instant application." Applicant has therefore added the new Heading "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" and paragraph [000.1] as noted herein identifying reference to provisional application 60/467,634 filed May 2, 2003. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter new paragraph [000.1].

Applicant has also amended paragraph [0022] of the specification to change reference character 70 to reference character 69 which receives the portion of inner layer 22 in pocket 68. This reference character change is necessary because reference character 70 is already assigned to cross-car elongated member 70 identified in paragraph [0023] and shown in Figure 6. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter amended paragraph [0022].

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 1 through 19 are allowed. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indication of allowed subject matter.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of objection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding objections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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